

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1C

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YES on Proposition 1C will provide emergency shelters for battered women, affordable homes for seniors and low-income families, and shelters with social services for homeless families with kids. That is why Habitat for Humanity, AARP, and California Partnership to End Domestic Violence strongly urge you to vote YES on Proposition 1C.

Importantly, this measure will be funded out of existing state resources without raising taxes.

Many of our communities face severe problems of housing affordability, homelessness, and domestic violence. Over 360,000 Californians are homeless every night.

Last year, 5,108 women and children were turned away from domestic violence shelters because they were full. Housing affordability for working families in California is at historic lows.

Safe shelter is fundamental to a decent life. YES on Proposition 1C will:

- Expand the number of shelter beds for battered women and homeless families with children.
- Provide housing for homeless foster youths.
- Make security improvements and repairs to existing shelters.
- Provide clean and safe homes for senior citizens and low-income families.

Additionally, Proposition 1C helps working families afford homes and provides accessibility improvements to apartments for disabled Californians.

Proposition 1C also creates 87,000 jobs and helps improve the state's economy.

Allows Seniors to Live Independently: This measure allows seniors to live at home without the fear of being institutionalized in a nursing home.

Helps Battered Women: "Most cities in California don't have adequate shelters for women and children who have been beaten and abused. Proposition 1C begins to fix this bad situation." —California State Sheriffs Association

Independent Audits and Accountability:

"This measure requires independent audits, limits administrative expenses, and contains strict accountability provisions to ensure the funds are used as promised." —California Chamber of Commerce

Helps Foster Youth: "Tragically, 65% of foster youth are homeless on the day they leave foster care. Proposition 1C will help them find stable homes." —Homes 4 California

Critical Need for Housing and Emergency Shelters:

"Proposition 1C provides shelter for those who need help the most—battered women, homeless families with children, and disabled seniors." —Habitat for Humanity, Sacramento

Yes on 1C: Part of a Long-Term Plan to Rebuild California

Proposition 1C is part of the Rebuild California Plan, which uses the taxes we're already paying to build the roads, housing, schools, and water systems we need to sustain our economy and our quality of life for the long term. Please support the long-term plan to rebuild California by voting Yes on 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E.

To learn more about how this plan will benefit you and your community, visit www.ReadForYourself.org.

Proposition 1C provides shelters for our most vulnerable Californians: the elderly, disabled, homeless families, battered women and children. Please vote Yes on 1C for emergency shelter and housing relief without raising taxes.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 1C

Proposition 1C is fiscally irresponsible. 1C grows bureaucracy with almost \$3 billion in borrowed money, burdening everyone with debt to benefit a small number of people selected by government, including financially eligible illegal immigrants.

In their "yes" argument, 1C's backers claim the bond would be "funded out of existing state resources without raising taxes." Sadly, there is no such thing as free money.

When California sells bonds, what is really happening is that the state is going into debt in your name. This debt gets repaid at about two dollars of principal and interest for every dollar borrowed.

Debt repayment has the top priority in government spending. So, money spent to repay bonds means budget cuts for education, roads, Medi-Cal, levee repair, prisons, and water projects. Or, even less money for tax cuts.

More debt = less money for priorities. And, less money for priorities = pressure to raise taxes on all Californians.

Debt should be used sparingly to build long lasting projects such as roads, bridges, dams, schools, and universities.

Builders build homes, not government. Fees, regulations, and government interference make homes unaffordable in California. Freeing builders to build is the best affordable housing program—and, it costs nothing!

Adding more debt to our state's credit card hurts ALL Californians. Proposition 1C would add \$600 of debt and interest payment obligations on every California family of four. That's \$600 that could be returned to the people in lower taxes, or spent on roads and schools.

Be responsible: vote "no."

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